

ORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 15, 2006
MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Craddock, DDS, Chairperson, Nevada Dental Association (NDA)
Mark Rosenberg, DDS, MPH
Tyree Davis, DDS, Clinical Manager, Miles for Smiles
Marlena Booth, Dental Director, Great Basin Primary Care Association (GBPCA)
Michelle Kling, RN, Division Director, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)
Mike Johnson, LADC, BS, Saint Mary's Outreach Programs
Carole Mankey, RN, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)
Joseph Patero, Senior Advocate

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Victor A. Sandoval, MPH, DDS, Interim Dean, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Dental Medicine
Betty Pate, RDH, M.Ed, University and Community College System of Nevada (UCCSN), Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association
Diana Scavacini, Marketing Specialist, WB/Azteca
Sharon Peterson, RDH, M.Ed, State Board of Dental Examiners
R. Michael Sanders, State Dental Consultant
Tim Ricks, Public Health Service, DMD, MPH

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Judy Wright, Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Christine Wood, RDH, BS Oral Health Program Manager, BFHS
Dennis Murphy, Public Health Education and Public Information Officer, BFHS
Laurie Nickles, Health Educator, BFHS
Deborah Aquino, Evaluation Consultant, BFHS
Tami Terstege, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Maury Astley, Consultant, NDA
Robert Talley, DDS, Executive Director, NDA
Dr. Manny Finn, Health Projects

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Patricia Craddock called the Oral Health Advisory Committee (OHAC) to order at **9:15 am** at the University of Nevada, School of Medicine (UNSOM) in Las Vegas and at the System Computing Services in Reno. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Kinhead Building, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Elko County Library, Elko; System Computing Services, Reno; UNSOM, Las Vegas; and the Nevada State Health Division website at www.health2k.state.nv.us.

Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2006

The following corrections were requested: page 2, Goal Three, needs clarification on the second paragraph regarding the evaluation of the HMO contract. Dr. Tyree Davis moved to approve the minutes with the changes noted above. Dr. Mark Rosenberg seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY (DHFCP)
REGARDING HMO CONTRACTS, PROVIDER RECRUITMENT, UTILIZATION DATA AND
THE PROGRESS OF THE MEDICAID DENTAL CLINICAL REVIEW ADVISORY
SUBCOMMITTEE. POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION IN RESPONSE**

Chris Wood shared information with the committee about Phil Nowak leaving Medicaid effective October 3, 2006; there will be someone hired to fill the position. Hillary Jones will continue in her position in Managed Care. There is a new dental primary point of contact, Leah Bennett.

Mr. Nowak's written report stated all of Medicaid and Nevada Check Up clients are being asked to choose a health plan; the two choices are Health Plan of Nevada or Anthem. Open enrollment runs from September 24, 2006, through the last week of October, Nevada Check Up enrollment ends earlier in October. If a recipient does not select a health plan they will automatically be assigned to Anthem. Recipients have the option to switch from one health plan to the other at any time.

Second part of Mr. Nowak's report is related to dental networks. Both health plans have been recruiting additional providers, advance of the November 1 start date for the new managed care contract. This applies notably for the Reno area which will initiate managed dental care for Medicaid, TANF, CHAP and Nevada Checkup members. The Division's contracted external quality review organization is reviewing the initial adequacy of the new Anthem Dental Network and also will monitor the operational quality. The final section of Mr. Nowak's report was regarding updated dental utilizations reports which will be available the first week of October.

SIGN BYLAWS AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Bylaws were approved two meetings ago and they were distributed to members for signature. The disclosure statements could not be signed due to errors in content. Ms. Wood will update the disclosure statement and then send it to the members of the OHAC members who will then sign and return them to Ms. Wood.

ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The elections were tabled. The election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair will be held in July 2007.

**REQUEST RESIGNATIONS FROM DIANE SCAVACINI AND CAROLE MANKEY DUE TO NON
ATTENDANCE AT THREE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS OF THE OHAC**

Ms. Wood gave members a background explanation regarding the request for Diane Scavacini's and Carole Mankey's resignations. Per the Bylaws each member is expected to participate in a majority of the meetings and activities. The OHAC may, after discussion, request a member to resign due to absences. Ms. Mankey explained her absences; she stated she was selected as one of the first sixty members at the health district to attend KCA Leadership Academy which created a conflict with OHAC. She is very committed to OHAC and does not want to resign. Ms. Wood and Dr. Craddock asked for recommendations to fill Ms. Scavacini's place. Dr. Tyree will follow up with Ms. Wood regarding different people who can represent the Hispanic population. Dr. Davis motioned to remove Ms. Scavacini from the committee and keep Ms. Mankey. Michelle Kling seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT AND DIRECTION TO
PROGRAM**

Goal One. To Maintain Oral Health Program Leadership Capacity

Ms. Wood turned in hiring packet requests for a new Administrative Assistant and Biostatistician. If the individuals interviewed are approved by personnel they will be offered the positions.

**Goal Two. To Describe the Oral Health Disease Burden, Health Disparities and Unmet Needs in the
State**

Debbie Aquino had received responses from many of the organizations but still awaits more responses. Only a few of the tribal health clinics have responded; Clinic on Wheels responded but with no details; Ms. Aquino will follow up with them to get more details, St. Rose Dominican had not responded. The University of

Nevada School of Dental Medicine returned an incomplete response. The new orthodontic residency program at the School of Dental Medicine was sent a separate entry form but has yet to respond.

Goal Three. To Update a Comprehensive Five-Year State Oral Health Plan

Ms. Wood stated the summit that will be held in October 2006 will be funded with FY 06 funds. There is no funding in the FY 2007 budget for a summit which is unfortunate as the 2004 State Oral Health Plan needs to be revisited and updated.

Goal Four. To Sustain a Diverse Statewide Oral Health Coalition to Assist in Formulation of Plans, Guide Project Activities and Identify Additional Financial Resources

Dr. Craddock spoke about the Community Coalition for Oral Health (CCOH) "Making Smiles" DVD. The DVD was paid for by Oral Health America and KLVX channel 10 donated the balance of production costs. It is six minutes long and 10 copies were produced. The DVD will be shown at the American Dental Association (ADA) annual session and it will be given to different organizations to use in presentations. A production company will edit it down to 30 seconds for a media promotion at the 1DAY gala on October 27, 2006. Anyone in the north or south may view the video. Ms. Wood explained that the CCOH has also partnered with the ADA Alliance (spouses of dentists) on a program to educate staff of long-term care/skilled nursing facilities. The program will be kicked off at the ADA annual session in Las Vegas. The coalition modified an existing PowerPoint produced by the Iowa Dental Association by bringing the literacy level down and added visuals that make it more appropriate for staff of long-term care/skilled nursing facilities.

Ms. Wood stated a CCOH committee started working on a legislative agenda some time ago. They asked Ms. Wood what could be done to support oral health in the State; Ms. Wood suggested asking for \$200,000 to support school-based dental sealant programs. Subsequently, Health Division Administration asked the Bureau to submit ideas of what they would like if they could ask for additional funding. Initially, Ms. Wood asked for \$200,000 for school-based dental sealant programs. However, Health Division administration stated they wanted Ms. Wood to ask for enough money to implement a school-based dental sealant program in every eligible school in Nevada. This would require approximately \$2 million over the biennium. A request for \$2 million to support school-based dental sealant programs was submitted by the Health Division to the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services for inclusion in the Department's budget request.

Goal Five. To Enhance the Oral Disease Surveillance System by Continuing To Collect, Analyze and Disseminate Data to Support Program Activity

Ms. Wood stated staff is busy doing the Head Start Basic Screening Survey (BSS) program. If they were to follow the plan of previous years, in SFY 08 the BSS would again target residents of assisted care facilities. When this population was surveyed two years ago, the quality of the data was inadequate and the process was extremely challenging. Staff and CDC recommended not doing this population again. At this time a target population for a SFY 08 BSS has not been identified. The Oral Health program has been working with the Governors Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Services. The OHAC work group that has been focusing on the oral health issues of individuals with special needs has joined forces with the Governors Commission; they have had some success. A work force survey being conducted by the School of Medicine will include questions for providers about treating individuals with special needs. There will also be a survey on organizations and agencies which work with the special needs populations. The Commission really wants a BSS style open mouth survey of the special needs population. Ms. Wood expressed is concerned that a survey of this population would be challenging because special needs population is such a broad group, they may be difficult to access and finally, cooperation during a screening could be problematic. The survey would probably not constitute a representative sample. Based on the limited resources available, a mini survey may be done at a few select facilities. Although there are a lot of challenges, the Commission feels the data can be very valuable and can be used.

Goal Six. To Identify Prevention Opportunities For Systematic, Socio-political And/Or Policy Change To Improve Oral Health By Conducting A Periodic Assessment Of Policy And Systems Level Strategies with Potential To Reduce Oral Disease

At the February 2006 OHAC meeting, members requested staff draft letters of support for state funding for school-based dental sealant programs and dental coverage for adult Medicaid waiver populations. Ms. Wood provided copies of two draft letters. Mike Johnson motioned to approve the letters and Marlena Booth Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Ms. Wood stated that to date, no Bill Draft Requests (BDR) have been submitted for the 2007 legislative session related to water fluoridation. According to the State Demographer, the population of Washoe County has exceeded 400,000; however, the population estimate will not become official until it is certified by the Governor. Once the Governor certifies the population of Washoe County to exceed 400,000, the oral health coalition in Washoe County intends to write a letter to the State Board of Health asking them to enforce statute requiring community water fluoridation in counties with a population of 400,000 or more. Ms. Wood has been told that the 400,000 population level triggers other statutes but Ms. Wood is unsure which statutes will be triggered. Ms. Mankey agreed to investigate and report back regarding this issue.

Relative to Medicaid, there were questions about the membership of the Medicaid Clinical Review Advisory Subcommittee (CRAS). Mark Rosenberg explained that according to Medicaid, members of CRAS were contacted and asked if they wanted to remain on the subcommittee; however none of them indicated that they wished to do so. Consequently, new members were appointed. There will be a CRAS conference call on November 3, 2006; Mr. Rosenberg will keep the members of the OHAC informed as to the activities of CRAS. Ms. Wood will follow up with Medicaid to find out who will be providing Medicaid's report at OHAC meetings now that Phil Nowak is leaving Medicaid.

Goal Seven. To Develop and Coordinate Partnerships to Increase State Level and Community Capacity to Address Specific Oral Disease Prevention Intervention

Ms. Wood stated the meeting which was held with Clark County School District providers, led to creation of a database which tracks free/reduced lunch eligibility, enrollment by each grade, which organizations serve what schools, and what services are provided. The information had been used by a number of organizations including Miles for Smiles for program planning.

Ms. Wood stated there are major changes occurring in the state related to the delivery of oral health services. For example, Reach Out Healthcare, which is a for-profit organization, is now providing services in Clark County schools. Reach Out Healthcare targets schools with a high percentage of Medicaid and NV Check Up eligible children. They have agreed to provide services to two uninsured students per school on a pro bono basis. The Clark County School District agreed to allow them into 143 schools. Conversely, Miles for Smiles was assigned four schools. Dr. Davis discussed a request he has made to the Clark County School District. He has asked them to allow the Miles for Smiles program to treat children from a cluster of schools. The program would set up at one school, and then children from surrounding schools could be sent to that school for treatment. This would allow Miles for Smiles to treat more children and maintain a viable business model. Clark County School District has agreed to reevaluate the situation. Dr. Rosenberg stated that Small Smiles, another for-profit, has also had a huge impact on non-profit programs in Reno. For example, Saint Mary's Take Care-a-Van used to have a two-month wait to get an appointment and now it is one week. Policy makers and decision makers need to be apprised concerns related to for-profit organizations taking all the insured children and leaving all the uninsured children for the safety-net providers.

Another issue concerning Ms. Wood is the State Board of Dental Examiners has informed one organization and one individual that Nevada licensed dental hygienists with public health endorsement working in public health settings may not place sealants on a child unless the child has been previously examined by a Nevada licensed dentist. Dr. Davis stated he has written a letter to the Board requesting clarification. Ms. Wood intends to do the same. They will keep the members of the OHAC informed.

Ms. Wood reported that she has received positive feedback about the first annual comprehensive sealant report on school-based dental sealant programs

The grant application approved by OHAC at the June meeting was submitted to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Dr. Michael Sanders served on the review board but he did not review Nevada's application. Only thirty six states applied.

Laurie Nickles gave an update on the two PowerPoint programs for Head Start programs. They were developed in partnership with CCOH. One provides general oral health information and one is about fluoride. They are in both English and Spanish. They can be used to train Head Start staff, parents, and policy council and health advisory committee members. The PowerPoint presentations have been posted on the National Maternal and Child Health Oral Health Resource Center.

Ms. Nickles is also presenting at the State Oral Health Summit on oral health assessment and prevention for the non dentist-dental hygienist. She is co-presenting with Dr. Sanders from the UNLV School of Dental medicine. Ms. Nickles is revisiting with school nurses throughout the state on oral health assessments. She is scheduled to meet with school nurses from the Carson and Douglas County school districts.

Goal Eight. To Coordinate and Implement a Limited Community Water Fluoridation Program

Pending status

Goal Nine. To Evaluate, Document And Share State Program Accomplishments, Best Practices, Lessons Learned And Use of Evaluation Results

Ms. Wood stated she continues to be asked to present at several national conferences.

Goal Ten. To Develop, Coordinate and Implement Limited School-Based or School Linked Dental Sealant Programs

Discussions about having Nevada Health Centers take on the Seal Nevada South program have been put on hold until issues related to the Miles for Smiles program in Las Vegas are worked out.

Ms. Wood stated Saint Mary's contacted her seeking guidance because one of the Medicaid HMOs indicated they will not pay for placement of dental sealants by dental hygienists in public health settings if the child has not first been examined by a dentist. She directed them to contact Nevada Medicaid and ask them to intervene.

On a positive note, the percent of eligible schools participating in school-based dental sealant programs increased from 22% in 2003 to 39% 2005. The percent of sealants and the percent of children receiving sealants have also increased.

NEXT MEETING

Tentative meeting dates are as follows: January 12, 2007, April 13, 2007, July 13, 2007 and October 12, 2007; The July meeting will be face-to-face in Reno.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

No public comments or discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **11:35 am.**